PERILS OF BATTLE.

A Michigan Soldier's Thrilling Escapes.

From the Detroit Free Press.] " What constitutes nerve?" asked the Now York World the other day of its is presence of mind; another that it is pluck; another that it is being cool and other collected in an emergency. It is none of these. It is something back of all of them, and something which a man never had you mes unless it was born in him. Instances of you mean? day in the army. An efficer out in charge of foragers, or on a reconnois-sance, would be suddenly attacked. Presence of mind aided him to form his men for defense. He had that presence of mind, even though his face was white as flour and his chin shaking. Brave men were common enough in the ranks. Call for men to face certain death and a hundred privates would step out at once; yet, test their " nerve," and they had

Among two or three cases in mind, that of John Metrose, a trooper in the Sixth Michigan Cavalry, is recalled. He was an under-sized, quiet spoken man, and he had that wenderful nerve which not three other men in the whole brigade possessed. While acting as scout in the Spenandonh Valley he was one day cating dinner at a tarm-house, when in malked seven Confederate soldiers. They haw him for a Union scout and he know them for Confederates. A brave man would have made a rush or had a fight. Melrose simply

"Say, aid woman, put on more din-nor here, and we'll ail have a square

" You are my prisoner!" said the sergeant of the squad as he advanced. Yes, I know it, but I'll pay for a dinner for you and your men just the same! Sit right down and make your-

His nerve upset the soldiers, and after a moment they took seats at the table, forming a complete circle around the board. As soon as thry bean to eat ne began to think of escape. It was sum-mer, and the window behind him, was ten feet away and open. If he stood up all eyes would be fixed on him, and any excuse to leave the room was not to be

The meal was shout half finished, and captors and captive were chatting away when Melro-e suddenly flung himself backward, upset his chair, and bounded through the window. The soldiers ran out and fired at and pursued him, but he made good his escape.

In the Luray Valley, just before the affair known as Woodstock races, Melrose and his companion fell out of ranks to forage. After securing a supply of meat they pushed on after the column, and were riding at a gallop when five bushwackers well-mounted, came out of the cross-road about twenty rods ahead

" We are dead men," said the scout's companion as they came to a halt.

drawn sabre, and the volley they fired olumbin, at went over him. He struck the line, New York. sabred a man as he passed, and soon re-joined the column. His companion was nover heard of sca'n, probably being murdered in cold blood.

in 1861 Melcose and three other oragers were captured in the Shenand sah Valley, taken to a small encampment, and the four placed in a log-bouse with more wisdom if ne had kept his under guard until their cases could be mouth shut.—Philadelphia Item. disposed of. They talked the situation over, and the bravest of them could see no hope of escape. Melrose quietly listened to their discouraging remarks, and asquiet'y replied that he would be inside of the Union lines before midaround the building, and the one in front could see the prisoners through the doorway. Melrose said that if all would ruch together the s ntinels would be confused, and either hold their fire or fire wild. The three men had participated in more than twenty battles, and were known as brave fellows, but here they wanted nerve, and nerve was

orme on Meirose was ready. Standing in the doorway, he asked the sentinel what time it was.

"You git back thar', or I'll shoot!" was the prompt reply. "Yes-I'm going right back!" said the scout, and ne dashed upon the man, hit him a stunning blow and made for the woods. He had to run across an open field in full sight of the camp, and, though it was dosk, he could be seen quite plainly for half the distance. More than fifty shots were fired at him, and then pursuit began, but he reached the woods and made his escape.

He was one day secuting up the valley, having on a mixed uniform, when he suddenly came upon two ferocous looking guerril as while crossing a thick wood. They were seated on a log, backs to him, but at the sound of his step they sprang up and covered him with their It would have been bold to bolt and take the chances being hit. Melrose never slackened his pace nor changed countenance, but walked directly up to the men and quietly said:
"I've got news for the Colonel, and I want you both to go along and show me

"Come glong and ask the Colonel."

"Why can't one of you come along?" watching here for game."

"He's a Yank-shoot him!" called

A CALIFORNIA ROMANCE.

One of those strange episodes in human life which make us sometimes wonder at the "ctornal fitness of things" occurred last night at the Vallejo junction. The tide being low on the arrival of the Contra Costa passengers for Vallejo were compelled to make gers for Vallejo were compelled to make quite a descent from the wharf to the would you? I'm awf sorry didn't shend and it is one of the most valuable and boat, and the ladies required the assistance of the gendemen present. A Mr. G., a grain speculator, was doing the "Dean Louise, don't let the men ball's office, agreeable in this respect, and one of the come too near you, when courting." last ladies to descend was overburdened ' Oh. no, dear ms. When Charles is with a few bundles, which he took bere we always have one chair between charge of, and accompanied the lady to us." Mother thinks the answer is the cabin, where they sat and engaged rather ambiguous. in conversation. The subject finally touched upon the nativity of each, when THE beauty of Sanday collections on it was found that they were both from the envelope plan is that you can knock he inquired her name, which was given a alver half dollar.

as Mr. C. Tame Cally the gentl' man grew pale and excited, and then asked:

"You had a daughter, did you not?" "I did," she responded. "Pray, how did you know that?" "Is that daughter living?"

" She is, and at present on a visit to seaders. One man will answer that it friends at Vallejo, where I am now "Merciful Heavens!" he gasped. "My

"Sir?" said the lady, rising; "what do "Mean?" he crezily replied. "Mean? presence of mind were met with every Why. I mean that that daughter is my

> man was really her husband, from whom she had been separated twenty years. It seems the twain were married at Paris, months. In the meantime & had writ. a small cost.

Inquiries throughout the town assured ance. Where they come from or what him that his wife had disappeared a year or so before, no one knew whither. Some said she gone in search of her husband, others that she might be dead, natural store house of electricity, and and others that she had gone to Caliand others that she had gone to California. He sought the old family physician, but he had left some time bef re.
Mr. G., then went to work at Louisv lie that we have in the nickel fiveand made enough to bring him to Cali- cent piece of our coinsge a key to fornia a year after his arrival in Ken- the tables of lineal measures and of tucky. He searched everywhere for his weights. The diameter of this coin is finally gave her up as dead, and she also grammes. Five of them placed in a row had mouned for his death. Neither, will of course give the length of a deci-

other was in existence. arated twenty years. But imagine his ures. unutterable surprise and joy, when the mother led into the parlor a beautiful young lady, his own daughter, whom he had not seen since she was a babe.

It may be interesting to describe the method by which Professor N. S. Maskelyne, of the British Museum, tested the so-called Glasgow diamonds, as it may be interesting to describe the method by which Professor N. S. Maskelyne and ship with the so-called Glasgow diamonds, as it may be interesting to describe the method by which Professor N. S. Maskelyne and not seen since she was a babe. had not seen since she was a babe. Father, mother and child will leave tomorrow for Sau Francisco, where Mr. G., who is now a comparatively wealthy man, has his business, and where they will hereafter reside.

THE bill for the World's Fair, to be held in New York in 1883, which is to Looking back they saw four more bushwhackers climbing the fence to take
position on the highway. Melrose
calmly viewed their situation, and
finally said:

"We will charge them! Fall in behind me and there will be less danger.

I'vaw your sabre and strike hard!"

The other dared not try it though be The other dared not try it, though he | The exposition is to be under the direcwas a brave man. He therefore kept tion of a commission, consisting of two his place as the scout dashed forward, commissioners from each tate, one from Heirese rode straight at the men with each Territory, one from the District of drawn sabre, and the volley they fired columbia, and sixty from the City of

tising dodge." In the language of his country, Mr. Parnell would have spoken Starveling Nobility in Spain.

(Pail Mail Gazette.)
We have already said that a title was never a thing of much importance in it-self in Spain; and the lavish manner in which they have been granted during night. There was a circle of sentinels the last hundred years or so has cer-around the building, and the one in tainly not tended to raise its value. The number largely exceeds the united prerates of England, Scotland and Ireland; and it is probable that the list does not include all the men in Spain who might write themselves Baron or Count if they chose. There are many men who prefer to drop a title ridiculonely at variance with their fortunes. "Very well—I will go alone!" was the quict announcement, and as night was though at the sons of a noble do not inherit his title, as is the case in some conntries. This must happen when titles are given to men who have no fortune. The older nobles refuse to recognize these new men as their equals. While they address one another in the endearing second person singular used only by very intimate friends, they give the new Count his titles with malicious claboration of detail. The people think wondrous little of such marks of honor;

An indeed, they scarcely know them in some cases. Nobody ever thought of speaking of Espartero as Duke of Victory, or Prince of Vergara, though

tion in which they are held; perhaps, too, the curiously humble social position of Spanish military men has some influence on it; but the main reason undeubtedly is that the thing itself has ceased to be of much value. Perhaps way there'll be a row, for the continued existence of titles is the spaniard's inborn love of fine, sonorous names and phrases which mean "Well, we aim't going to tramp clear up thar. You go down the road, folier it for a mile, and when you come to the old log stable on the right, turn into the blind road."

In the soldiers who make ing sound. If the soldiers who make ing sound. If the soldiers who make ing sound. If the soldiers who make ing sound in the history of the country can not raise the sheep tribe has been impaled in the sheep tribe has been impale nothing, but fill the ear with an impostitles falls in an almost equally copious of food, was caught in the forks of the manner. Almost without exception tree scores of years avo when it was a "Oh, you can't miss the way. We are they are political intriguers, financiers, or contractors. The first have spent Melrose sloutched off in a lazy, tired manner. He had got about fifty feet when he heard them cock their guns. He did not turn his head or quicken his United States. The latter have spent their lives in pulling the wires at Madrid, and are looked on very much as professional politicians are in the United States. The latter have gained their titles by figure in the latter have gained their titles by figure in the latter have gained their titles by figure in the latter have gained their titles by figure in the latter have spent to the latter their titles by financial services to the Government; and in Spain to have been such a fate. nerve of a Napoleon, and he kept his leisurely pare un it well away from their neighborhood.

Another theory is that some Indian or old time employe of the great fur companies received a staight-way hit from the ram, and in a fit of revense ing, almost, of the word. ing, almost, of the word—could think of nothing more appropriate as a recognition of the services of the owner of a indulge in remove, but forgot to take

SCIENCE AND ART NOTES.

MR. W. Morris, of Gourock, Great Britain, has, it is said, invented a method of photographing under water. The camera is said to be lowered beneath the wave, and the "cap" removed, when the adjustment has been made to suit the operator. A Scotch journal states some fairly good views have been taken by

THE English Mechanic states that Mr. Edison is attempting to make a new por- Sunday. table electric lamp, which, with the butown child and you are my wife!"

Almost ov rpowered at this confession than those ordinarily seen on a parior table. This is probably a canari, as ft would take about fifty of Grove's cells would take about fifty of Grove's cells than those ordinarily seen on a parior produced table. This is probably a canarl, as ft of nails. swer, when she was convinced that the to generate sufficient electricity to give

A SOMEWHAT curious sale is an-Ky. in 1858, and thirteen menths after-ward he went to Liverpool on business. nounced to take place in Paris this month. It consists of about 4,000 The vessel on which he took passage paintings, drawings, etc., of various dewas wrecked, and all on board were supposed to have perished. The news coming to his young wife's ears, the was ut-terly prostrated and was ordered to Cali-work- by well known painters of the fornia by her physicians. Arriving day; but, as none of them are signed, it here, she took up her residence in Los is difficult to identify them. The gov-Angeles. The husband was picked up ernment sells the whole in different lots, from the wreck by a fishing-smack and so that here is a fine opportunity for those who like to speculate in the probtaken to some remote foreign port, where he was thrown upon a bed of sickness, which lasted some fifteen arrangements by a distinguished master at a small cost.

ten repeatedly to his wife, but received Mr. W. R. PREECE makes the follow no answer. Almost freezied at the thought that she might be dead, and being without funds and politicads, he faced" his fare clear through to Kentucky, and shortly after arrived at Paris.

absent wife, but without success, and two centimeters and its weight is five however, had married again, and last meter, and two of them will weigh a evening on board the Contra Costra was | decagramme. As the kiloliter is a cubic the first intimation either had that the meter, the key to the measure of length tive this year. This means a loss of is also the key to the measures of ca- \$30,000,000. The now happy couple arrived here pacity. Any person, therefore, who is last night, and to the surprise of the fertunate enough to own a five-cent friends of the lady, she introduced her nickel may carry in his pocket the enhusband, from whom she had been sep- tire metric system of weights and meas-

assist others to make similar experi ments should occasion require. The lows: First, it excels all substances in hardness; second, its crystals belong to the cubic system, and should not, therefore, present the property of double re-fracting light; third, the diamond, being -and placed a few grains between a clevage plate of a sapphire and a topaz, and rubbed the two surfaces together. There resulted no abrasion, and the particles were reduced to a pewder, without even scratching the A RICHMOND, Va., dispatch says:

Mr. Parnell in his speech to night spake of the New York Herald's subscription of \$100 000 as a patent advertising dodge." In the language of his the manner of a bi-refrangent crystal. They were not diamonds. Finally he they were not diamonds. Finally he took some of the dust, and exposed them to the intense heat of a table blow pipe on a piece of platinum foil. They resisted all attempts to burn them. Then, for comparison, he placed them with small pieces of real diamonds and repeated the experiment. The result was, the diamonds glowed and disappeared, but the Glasgow crystals were obstinate and unacted ss on b-fore. From all this Professor Maskelyne concluded that the particles in question were not only not diamonds, but were not even carbon. He next tried to find out what they were composed of, and heated some particles on platinum several times with immonium fluoride, when they became visibly smaller, and a slight red-lishwhite incrustation was seen on the

> THE uncertainty of wealth is more t'an counter-balanced by the certainty

An Unfortunate Ram.

A few weeks since some miners discovered a very singular curiosity in the mountains near Bonanza City, Idahoall the world knew those titles had been conferred on him. In the case of less well known men the title is never mentioned at all. Bis children will in and horns of a mountain ram grown leave them no fortune.

Perhaps the fact that these honors, if they can be so called, are gained in civil war, and often by barrack intrigues, has something to do with the small estimation in which they are held; perhaps tion containing the ram's head neatly sawed off. Mr. Meyers has expressed the unique specimen to Thomas L. Kimball, General Passenger and Ticket Agent of the Union Pacific, in whose office it is now on exhibition.

It was a source of much surmising yesterday upon the part of d. zens of visitors at Union Pacific headquarters as to how the horns became thes fasttree scores of years are when it was a mere sepling, and unable to extricate itself, there died, the tree gradually growing over the skull. Such instances n the case of deer are very common. but none has ever been chronicled, or at least reported, in which the wonderfully muscular mountain ram has men

Another theory is that some Indian decent provincial paper than to make him down. Another is that in one or him a Marquis. The title was never those terrific battles in which mountain used except by the unfortunate man's canned ten encounter each other, this one was "dodged" by his antagonist at a very critical period, and a for ed sapling received the onslaught, never after giving up its embrace. Still another is that it is a practical illustration of the curious specimens ever sent to Mr. Kim-

THOSE correspondents who write only when their sisters, or cousins, or aunts in overation. It will continue to run in their set has something to puff, are not the ones an editor will seek to have admitted to the grand stand on the ever-green shore. The ones he will want to that for all practical purposes, leaving the same town in Kentucky. This fact the plate out of the collectors hand at take with him are those who send news out the engine of the locomotive and made each more communicative, when easy with a copper cent as you can with promptly, and then subside until there steamboat, it will be found of great 1s more news.

LAWYERS annually cost the people about \$70,000,000.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

THREE-FOURTHS of the lard used in Germany comes from America.

SENATOR ELECT GEORGE, of Mississippi, was once the driver of an ox-team. STEAM and horse railroads in this

SEVEN machines in Pittshurg, Pa., produced, last year, over 4,003,345 kegs

THERE are made yearly in Reading and Berks counties, Pa., over 6,000,000

Leadville mine for \$10,000,000. made New Jersey?

THE rolling mills of Chicago now em oloy over 3 000 men, and are running 25 cts. Sold by BUCK & COWGILL. night and day.

In 1878 the United States imported from Great Britain 1,888 tons of old iron; last year, 176 842 tons. IT costs Massachusetts about \$4,000 each for the farmers graduated at its ag-

ricultural college.

THE lead mines near Phonixville, P that have been idle years, are now being wo

37,250 cars in eleven months.

THE Prince of Wales belongs to every obtained. secret society in England except the

out over \$2 000,000 worth annually. ONE-FIGHTH of the 5,000,000 acres of vine land in France will be unproduc-

THE packages of tomatoes put up last year in the United States reached the total of 19,968 000, of which New Jersey put up 5,592,000 cans. It is estimated that the apples frozen

in the orchards in New York State during the secent cold spell were about 500, 000 barrels. An English journalist describes Berlin as "ostentatious and unpreposeessing, pretentious and unattractive, garnish

and not yet brilliant." THE reading-room of the British Museum contains three miles of book-cases, eight feet high. The dome whence the electric light irradiates the vast room is, next to that of the Pantheon at Rome, the largest extant.

During 1879, 28,000 acres of prairie lands in Minnesota were planted with be seen without good eyesight or a lens forests, and rows of trees were planted along country highways to the extent of 280,045 rods, or about 878 miles. THINK nothing profitable which who

ever force thee to break thy word, to lose thy self-restect, to hate, suspect, curse or deceive any one, or to desire anything that need be covered with walls or veils. A CLERGYMAN recently said that

many a one, while apparently singing with all his might the lines, "Wure the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small," was diligently engaged with one hand in his pocket in scraping a three-cent piec to make sure that is was not a dime. - Breakwater A SACRAMENTO undertaker's con-

science accused him of being glad when he heard of a death, and he became convinced that even the probability of an pidemic caused pleasurable emotion. He, therefore, committed suicide, leaving a letter in which he said that he could no longer remain in a business the pro fits of which were closely connected with human misery. THE better a man becomes, the

field. Secondly, some particles were placed over night in hydrofluoric acid in platinum cap-ule. This proved that Mr. Mactear's Gla-gow diamonds were rierely some crystallized silicate, a com-pound of silica. Square Fight with a Big Bear.

> low a terrible blow on the head. This price. scemed only to enrage him the more, and as his eyes flashed fire, his ears stood erect and his breast protruded, and he made another dash at his intended victim. But Oliver was pre-

blow as split his head open and ished the bear, which snorted a few times and rolled over dead. It was a black bear, known as an "old ranger, and measured nine feet from the tip of his nose to the hind paws, and weighed over 450 pounds. After he had killed the monster young Oliver became fright-ened, and standing there gazing upon his career he says he could feel his own hair raise on end.

Perpetual Motion. Albert Pietrowski, a Pole, living in New York, has a motor which he de-clares when once started will run till it

wear out. The model that he exhibits consists of a pair of hollow metal wheels, four feet in dismeter, which revolve on the same axis, but in opposite directions. The moving power is nine metal balls placed within the wheels so as to bear the rim down at first, and then gravitate toward the axis, where a side groove runs the balls off to a grooved radius of the wheel revolving in the opposite direction. Four balls were placed in the grooved radii of the first wheel and four in the radii of the second, and when the momentum had been gained, the ninth ball was added, to give additional power. To the axles of the wheels, which is also the axle of smaller grooved wheels that regulate the speed of the machinery, the shafting is applied. "Give me a cast iron wheel sixty feet

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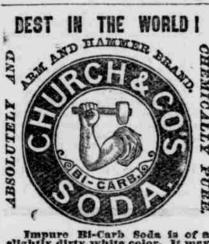
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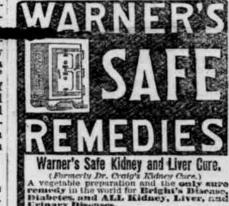
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